

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

EDITORIAL OPINIONS OF THE LEADING JOURNALS UPON CURRENT TOPICS—COMPILED EVERY DAY FOR THE EVENING TELEGRAPH.

DOGS' DELIGHT.

From the N. Y. Tribune. We were premature in congratulating General Butler on giving up his personal explanation, and the House of Representatives on a permanent relief from these casual half-hours of vulgar wrangling.

CHEEK.

From Every Saturday. Colonel Admiral Romeo Achilles Fisk—Prince of Erie and Protector of the Fairy Queen of the Submarine Grotto of Gleanings Delights—is not a person whose modesty has impressed itself very deeply upon the public mind.

It is no fault of the daily papers if it is not pretty generally understood that the New York 9th Regiment, Colonel Fisk commanding, is to visit Boston on the 17th of June to assist the descendants of the Puritans in celebrating the anniversary of a memorable event.

It is objected by some people wholly devoid of sentiment, that one or two thousand warriors, with colors flying and brass bands clanging, would make it rather lively in our streets for those Bostonians who have an old-fashioned idea that the Sabbath is not a good day for a general spree.

DEMOCRATIC WIND-BAGS.

From the N. Y. Times. The Democrats in Congress have issued an address to the people. They begin by denouncing "centralization" and a "subsidized press."

Another thing troubles him. With that exquisite sense of humor which we now and then see in great commanders, Colonel Fisk took it into his head—where he had plenty of room—that he would like to have the city of Boston give him—what do you suppose?—a public reception!

DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATION AT ALBANY.

From the N. Y. World. We detest cant, and will say nothing of the recent session which we do not honestly believe. It is the first session in many years when the Democratic party has had a majority in both branches of the Legislature, and the party cannot escape its proper responsibility for the use it has made of its power.

In point of integrity we suppose it will not be disputed that this Legislature compares favorably with any of its long series of Republican predecessors. It has not been charged, or even suspected, that money has been used to secure the passage of bills except in the recent case of Winans.

Legislature has been rendered thoroughly rotten during the last fifteen years by railway bills for which the roads could afford to pay, and more especially by drawing the municipal affairs of this great city into the Albany vortex.

The Democratic Legislature has acted in pursuance of the same principle. The most important of its measures are those relating to the government of this city, which have heretofore been the chief source of corruption at the State capital.

Whether the limited power of taxation is lodged in the right hands is a difficult question, which cannot be solved by theoretical reasoning, but only by the result of the experiment. If, on trial, it is not found to work well, we hold ourselves as free to denounce it as we now are to favor it as a provisional and tentative expedient.

The government of great cities is one of the most difficult problems of modern politics. It is at present depriving afflicted France of the blessings of peace. The proper method of assessing local expenses is just now the leading topic in the British Parliament.

We are only experiencing what is experienced in other countries in this "age of great cities." New York being the most important of American cities, the problem is presented here in its most unwieldy form.

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